

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council

3b. GSA Committee No.

953

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/30/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/30/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

8c. Actual Term Date

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority

Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority

42 U.S.C. 284a

13. Effective Date

11/20/1985

14. Committee Type

Continuing

14c. Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee

Other Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open Meetings and Dates 0 17b. Closed Meetings and Dates 0 17c. Partially Closed Meetings and Dates 3 17d. Total Meetings and Dates 3

Purpose

PROGRAM ADVISORY/SECOND LEVEL OF PEER REVIEW

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Start

01/18/2018

05/24/2018

09/13/2018

End

- 01/19/2018

- 05/25/2018

- 09/14/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 3

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$3,600.00	\$3,600.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$205,694.00	\$204,854.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$8,241.00	\$8,316.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$9,110.00	\$9,292.00

18d. Total	\$227,845.00	\$227,262.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	1.50	1.40

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The committee is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review, advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation, and identify research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council reviewed 7,159 grant applications and approved funding of these applications in the amount of \$9,124,760,882.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council is composed of 17 appointed members with research interests and responsibilities paralleling those of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences. Twelve members are scientists who are outstanding medical or scientific authorities knowledgeable in the fields of genetics, developmental biology, cell biology, molecular biology, biophysics, chemistry, biochemistry, physiology, clinical research, bioengineering/bioinformatics, and pharmacological sciences. Five members are representatives of the general public with interests in public policy, law, health policy, economics, and management.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Meetings are held not less than three times each fiscal year. The National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council provides advice on a continuing basis on the type of scientific research programs that should be supported and on how to carry out the designated mission and responsibilities of the Institute. It also provides ongoing review of the relevance and effectiveness of the existing programs.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of review for research grant applications; advise on policy development, program implementation and evaluation; and identify research needs and opportunities of the Institute. The quality, scope, and balance of advice from this Council cannot be obtained from NIH staff or from other established sources because the membership of the Council is constituted to meet the specific requirements of the mandated mission of the Council and of the Institute.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The meetings of the National Advisory General Medical Sciences Council were closed to

the public for the review of grant applications. Sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act permit the closing of meetings where discussion could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

21. Remarks

Committee Function: Other - National Scientific and Advisory Reports: This committee did not produce any public reports during the fiscal year. Administrative extensions: Were created while new members and nominees were delayed in completing the appointment process. Members Dessauer, Peifer, and Smith were administratively extended and then ended early as they were only needed to attend January Council.

Designated Federal Officer

ANN A HAGAN ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
AZAR, ALEX	01/29/2018	01/20/2021	SECRETARY	Ex Officio Member
BYRD, GOLDIE	12/11/2016	12/31/2019	NATHAN F. SIMMS ENDOWED PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
CARIAGA-LO, LIZA	01/25/2016	12/31/2018	VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
COLLINS, FRANCIS	08/16/2009	01/20/2021	DIRECTOR	Ex Officio Member
DESSAUER, CARMEN	01/25/2016	03/07/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GELLMAN, SAMUEL	09/04/2016	12/31/2018	PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
GERN, WILLIAM	11/13/2016	12/31/2019	VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
HARGAN, ERIC	10/10/2017	01/29/2018	ACTING HHS SECRETARY	Ex Officio Member
HUSBANDS	09/04/2016	12/31/2019	CHAIR AND PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
FEALING, KAYE	10/15/2017	12/31/2019	THE PELS FAMILY PROFESSOR AND HEAD	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
LORSCH, JON	03/05/2018	12/31/2019	DIRECTOR	Ex Officio Member
MERCHANT, SABEEHA	10/15/2017	12/31/2019	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
OVERMAN, LARRY	12/11/2016	12/31/2019	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF CHEMISTRY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PADBURY, GUY	10/15/2017	12/31/2020	SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PEIFER, MARK	04/03/2016	03/07/2018	HOOVER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
PRZYGODZKI, RONALD	08/13/2015	12/31/2019	DIRECTOR	Ex Officio Member
SEYMORE, SEAN	01/08/2017	12/31/2020	PROFESSOR OF LAW	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SMITH, JANET	04/17/2016	03/07/2018	MARGARET J. HUNTER COLLEGIATE PROFESSOR OF LIFE SCIENCES	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
SUMMERS, MICHAEL	10/15/2017	12/31/2020	DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

VAN DER DONK, WILFRED	05/01/2016 12/31/2018	RICHARD E. HECKERT ENDOWED CHAIR IN CHEMISTRY	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
WRIGHT, DON	09/29/2017 10/10/2017	Acting Secretary, HHS	Ex Officio Member
WU, CATHY	10/15/2017 12/31/2020	EDWARD JEFFERSON CHAIR, ENGINEERING AND COMPUTER SCIENCE	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

Narrative Description

The goal of NIH research is to acquire new knowledge to help prevent, detect, diagnose, and treat disease and disability, from the rarest genetic disorder to the common cold. The NIH mission is to uncover new knowledge that will lead to better health for everyone. NIH works toward that mission by: conducting research in its own laboratories, supporting the research of non-Federal scientists in universities, medical schools, hospitals and research institutions throughout the country and abroad, helping in the training of research investigators, and fostering communication of medical and health sciences information. Section 492 of the PHS Act states that The Secretary shall by regulation require appropriate technical and scientific peer review of --- (A) applications made for grants and cooperative agreements under this Act for biomedical and behavioral research, (B) applications made for biomedical and behavioral research and development contracts to be administered by the National Institutes of Health. The NIGMS Advisory Council is composed of both scientific and public members who provide the second level of peer review, provide advice to the NIGMS Director in program and policy areas, provide advice on program implementation and evaluation, and identify research needs and opportunities of the Institute.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| None | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unable to Determine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Under \$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$100,000 - \$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$500,001 - \$1,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| \$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Over \$10,000,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cost Savings Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Cost Savings Comments

NIH supported basic and clinical research accomplishments that often take many years to unfold into new diagnostic tests and new ways to treat and prevent diseases.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

78,452

Number of Recommendations Comments

During this reporting period, the Council reviewed 7,159 grant applications and recommended funding of these applications in the amount of \$9,124,760,882.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

Information on the research funded by NIH is available through the RePORT (Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool) website. RePORT provides access to reports, data, and analyses of NIH research activities that advance the mission of the NIH, including information on NIH expenditures, strategic plans, reports on NIH funding, and reports on the organization and people involved in NIH research and research training. The RePORT website is located at <http://report.nih.gov>.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or

will be Partially implemented by the agency?

0%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

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Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Minutes, written reports, and oral presentations.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

An action of "approved" or "recommended" for grants receiving review by this Council does not infer that the grant will be or has been funded. Research grant applications submitted to NIH must go through a two-step review process that includes the initial peer review for scientific and technical merit and a second step of review and approval by a National Advisory Council that includes program relevance. In addition, prior to an award or funding being made, NIH staff must conduct an administrative review for a number of other considerations. These include alignment with NIH's funding principles, review of the project budget, assessment of the applicant's management systems, determination of applicant eligibility, and compliance with public policy requirements. After all these steps have been completed, NIH officials make funding decisions on individual grant

applications.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

Yes

What is the estimated Number of grants reviewed for approval 7,159

What is the estimated Number of grants recommended for approval 7,159

What is the estimated Dollar Value of grants recommended for approval \$534,826,290

Grant Review Comments

N/A

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO ☒

Online Agency Web Site ☒

Online Committee Web Site ☒

Online GSA FACA Web Site ☒

Publications ☐

Other ☐

Access Comments

N/A